Reply of Government.—A circular to that effect will issue. There is no *prima facie* objection.

SUBJECT No. 33.

One anna stamp for certain specified applications.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Court fee stamps of annas 8 are required to be affixed to applications for licenses to build or repair houses, to transport one's own timber and fire-wood from one place to another, though free license is said to be issued. This works as a hardship. An anna stamp may be prescribed for such applications.

It was stated that for house building, etc., an eight anna stamp was sometimes used through ignorance, though the law required no stamps.

Reply of Government.—Clear instructions explaining the law will issue.

SUBJECT No. 34.

The reorganization of the Police Department.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamiah and Padmanna, Nanjangud taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 35.

Under-trial prisoners in police lock-ups.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The police keep under-trial prisoners in their station lock-ups, and torture them during nights till charge sheets are presented thus causing personal injury to the accused. To avoid this, such prisoners should be ordered to be kept in magisterial lock-ups during nights.

Reply of Government. - There are difficulties in the way of complying with the request. The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 36.

Carbon sheets in writing police diaries.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamaiya and Padmanna, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The police should be directed to use carbon sheets when they write their diaries, so that several copies can be had at the same time.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya added that this was the practice in the Madras Presidency.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion will be given effect to.

SUBJECT No. 37.

Police investigating officers.

(*a*) Mr. Seetharamaiya, Mandya taluk, and

(*b*) Mr. Munisamappa, Devanhalli municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) With a view to avoiding delay, Police Daffedars in charge of police stations may, as before, be authorised to investigate criminal cases.

(*b*) Daffedars who have passed from the Police Training School may be empowered to investigate simple cases involving properties valued at five rupees.

Mr Anniah Pandit spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The question of increasing the number of investigating centres is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 38.

Criminal gangs.

(*a*) Mr. Muniswamappa, Devanhalli municipality.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Hanumappa, G. Rajappa and G. Siddaveerappa, Bangalore city municipal coun-

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) All criminal gangs should be settled as cultivators.

(*b*) Convicts undergoing more than two years' imprisonment may be employed in cultivation work in Marikanave.